

**J O I N T**

**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY  
AND PETITION**

1. Euan ARMSTRONG,
2. Sophie CARLI,
3. Richard GIBSON,
4. Loreta JERCHER, and
5. Brian SAMUEL

declare that we are, respectively,

1. a citizen of UNITED KINGDOM  
residing at ST. ANDREWGATE, England,
2. a citizen of FRANCE  
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3. a citizen of UNITED KINGDOM  
residing at TADCASTER, NORTH YORK, England,
4. a citizen of GERMANY  
residing at HEWORTH, England, and
5. a citizen of UNITED KINGDOM  
residing at WIGGINTON, England,

that we have reviewed and understand the contents of this declaration and of the annexed specification, including the claims thereof entitled

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and that we believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter described and claimed therein for which a patent is sought.

We acknowledge our duty in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, including but not limited to 1.56 (a), to disclose information of which we are or become aware which is material to the examination of this application.

We claim benefit under Section 119 of Title 35, United States Code, of the filing date of Application No. 9804401.9 filed March 2, 1998 in The Patent Office of the United Kingdom (Great Britain). No earlier application for patent or inventor's certificate for the same invention claimed in the annexed specification and claims has been filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns in any country outside the United States of America.

We hereby appoint William H. Vogt III, Registration No. 19,439 and David R. Plautz, Registration No. 28,251, our attorneys, with full power of substitution and appointment of associate attorneys, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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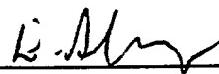
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Wherefore we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention described and claimed in the annexed specification and claims.

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18, United States Code, and may jeopardise the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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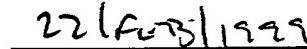
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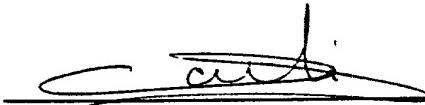
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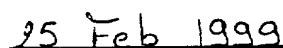
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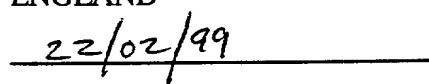
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